

when we encountered : I hope, It is not so low with him, as he made it seem in the trial of his several friends.

£ LORD. It should not be, by the persuasion of his new feasting.

1 LORD. I should think so : He hath sent me an

earnest inviting, which many my near occasions did

urge me to put off; but he hath

conjured me be

yond them, and I must needs appear.

2 LORD. In like manner was *I* in debt to my

importunate business, but he would not hear my

excuse. I am sorry, when he sent to borrow of me,

that my provision was out.

3 LORD, I am sick of that grief too, as I under

stand how all things go.

4 LORD. Every man here's so. What would he

have borrowed of you ?

5 LORD. A thousand pieces.

6 LORD. A thousand pieces !

7 LORD. What of you ?

8 LORD, He sent to me, sir,—Here he comes.

Enter TIMON, and Attendants.

TIM. With all my heart, gentlemen both :—And how fare you ?

9 LORD. Ever at the best, hearing well of your lordship.

10 LORD. The swallow follows not summer more

willing, than we your lordship.

TIM. [*Aside*,.] Nor more willingly leaves winter; such summer-birds are men.—Gentlemen, our dinner will not recompense this long stay : feast your

"-----your *thoughts*

" *Seat on a crown.*" MALONE.

Dr. Johnson's explanation, I believe, is right. Thus, in *The Winter's Tale*, Antigonus is said to be ^{ef} woman-faV^," i. e. *pecked* by a woman, as we now say, with a similar allusion, *hen-pecked*.

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